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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,022-N2)

In application of:

Rickik N. Ghosh et al.

Serial No. 09/716,732

Filed: November 20, 2000

For: A System for Cell-Based Screening

Examiner: Lisa V. Cook

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PETITION FOR 1-MONTH EXTENTION OF TIME

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Box Response
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests a 1-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002. With this extension, response to the Office Action must be filed by **May 13, 2002**. A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the cost of the 1-month extension is enclosed herewith.

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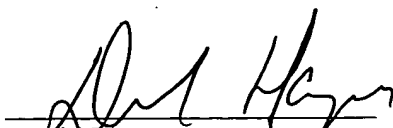
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